

Production and Output.

DULL CONDITIONS IN IRON TRADE

Are Reflected in Connellsville Region Coke Operations.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

Has Not Been Entirely Destroyed, But Much Depends on What the Statesmen and Courts Will Do at Washington—Production and Output.

The Connellsville coke trade has been hit. The best that can be said of it is that it is pausing. It necessarily follows the iron trade, and these are reflected iron trade conditions. Iron and steel and railroad interests are regarding the political situation with suspicion; hence industrial activity has been suspended its upward movement and is now awaiting events. When the statesmen of the courts at Washington shall have indicated their future action, and if it shall not be too drastic, business will adjust itself and go forward.

In the meantime, confidence in the future is not entirely destroyed. It is not thought that there will be any destruction of property or prosperity. This is the explanation of existing coke trade conditions commonly accepted by the best judges. The coke trade just now is apparently a "waiting game." It is, however, still a good game. The production and shipments are within 75% of practical capacity. This means that the trade is more than three-quarters good.

The estimated production took a slight slump last week and fell off 5,000 tons; the total being 358,029 tons as compared with 371,225 tons. The decrease was entirely with the furnace ovens, their production dropping 5,635 tons, while the production of the merchant ovens gained 399 tons.

The average running time was practically the same as for the two preceding weeks, being 5.82 days as compared with 5.83 days. The furnace ovens averaged 5.83 days, while the average for the merchant ovens was 5.73 days.

Of the 17,526 furnace ovens, 60 ran seven days; 16,338 ran six days and 1,188 ran four days.

Of the 10,550 merchant ovens, 5,435 ran six days; 4,981 ran five days; 425 ran four days and 139 ran two days.

Of the entire 28,076 ovens in blast, 60 ran seven days; 24,792 ran six days; 1,261 ran five days; 1,333 ran four days and 18 ran two days.

Shipments took a corresponding slump with production and fell off to the extent of 222 cars. Shipments to Pittsburgh decreased 256 cars, and to eastern points 68 cars, while points west of Pittsburgh received two cars more than the previous week.

The number of active ovens in the region was increased by the firing of 59 at Tower Hill No. 2 and 10 scattering; total 60. And decreased by the blowing out of 12 at Garwood, leaving a net increase of active ovens of 47.

LAKE SEASON OPENING

Has Boosted Coal Trade in the Pittsburgh District.

PITTSBURG, April 5.—Tremendous activities in the coal business, have resulted from the opening of the lake season. The Pittsburgh & Buffalo Coal Company, has ordered all of its mines and those of its subsidiary companies started in full tomorrow. Yesterday the Four States Coal Company, owned by the Pittsburgh & Buffalo Coal Company started its Dorsey, Sarrell and Annabelle mines at Dorothy, West Virginia, for the first time.

Ex-Governor MacCordle and President Stephens of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, with a large party were present at the formal opening of the mine. The entire output of the three West Virginia mines, has been sold for the next nine months.

MINES TESTED

In West Virginia For Natural Gas Leaks in Workings.

Two coal mines in West Virginia were recently sampled and analyzed for natural gas leakage apparently due to the natural gas well passing through a barrier pillar. Gas was found bubbling up through the water, which, upon examination, corresponded with the natural gas obtained from the well. Samples of mine air vitiated by explosives fired in mines were examined and found to contain in some cases harmful amounts of noxious gases.

Sample of natural gas from Neyada were examined, and in one case found to be exceedingly rich in methane. A sample of natural gas obtained from Washington contained 97 per cent of nitrogen.

HOLMES SUGGESTIONS

For the Improvement of Mine Conditions in Buckeye State.

CLEVELAND, O., April 5.—The selection of State mine inspectors by popular vote must be stopped if there is to be a reduction of accidents in the coal and metal mines of the United States, according to a statement made before the students of Case School of Applied Science by Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the federal bureau of mines. The director was giving a number of suggestions which if followed up would mean a reduction of the number of accidents. The mines of this country exact a toll of more than 4,000 lives yearly.

"The State mine inspectors should have greater permanence in office and freedom from political and other outside influences," said Director Holmes. "Their selection and continuance in office should depend upon their training and experience. They should be examined by a non-political board of mining men. They should be appointed upon the recommendation of such a board from the applicants that have shown the highest skill and best experience. Under no circumstances should they be selected by popular vote. In other words, politics should have nothing whatever to do with their selection or their continuance in office. The inspectors should have better support in the way of compensation. In fact, the salary and other conditions should be such as to enable the State to secure the best possible type of men for this important work."

Other methods of reducing the number of accidents were suggested as follows:

The use at each mine of a limited number of men well trained and experienced concerning the best methods of using explosives, electricity, the handling of gases and coal dust, the method of timbering, with a view to preventing falls of roof; the methods of preventing and extinguishing mine fires; and the methods of rescue and first aid work. These trained men can serve to good advantage as special inspectors or foremen of each mine company.

There must be active, determined co-operation between the miners and the mine management and the State mine inspectors in the enforcement of the mine rules and regulations, and the punishment of every person, whether mine worker or mine manager, who disobeys these rules and regulations.

The continuance and extension of the investigations and inquiries such as are now being conducted by the government concerning the causes of mine accidents and methods of prevention.

The prompt distribution of all such information as can be obtained on this subject from these and other sources among the miners and officials.

REPORTS MADE

Of Successful Work of Bituminous Mine Committee.

The Bituminous Committee of the State Y. M. C. A. met at Greensburg last week. State Secretary J. B. Carothers was among those present. Reports were read by Secretaries T. B. Dilts and E. E. Bach.

Both reports showed that a great amount of work had been done and set forth the results attained in the Bituminous department.

At present, about 26 First Aid classes are established in the Bituminous field with an enrollment of about 1,200 men. The largest class is at Windber, where about 500 men are receiving instruction. Some of the classes have completed their courses of instruction and, according to the physicians in charge, they are ready to render intelligent First Aid service to any injured about the mines.

That close to 300 men have been in the mining classes, preparing for the state examinations, was also shown by the reports.

Reference was made to the tour of Dr. W. R. Crane, Dean of the School of Mines, State College, and Field Secretary E. E. Bach through the Monongahela and Connellsville districts. The tour was highly successful, more than 1,500 men attending the six lectures delivered on "Mine Gases and Their Relations to Mine Fires and Explosions."

The work of the Bituminous Committee has won the hearty endorsement of nearly every operator and mine official in the field. It has the fullest sympathy and hearty co-operation of the Bureau of Mines, the School of Mines of State College, the American Red Cross, and the inspectors of the several districts. The high commendation of the newspapers for the work done by the committee was referred to in the reports.

Export Resumes Operations.

The Export mine of the Export Coal Company, in the Irwin field, where a strike has been in progress for over a year, resumed operation last week. It is reported that the union scale will be paid, but not signed.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING APR. 1, 1911.				WEEK ENDING MAR. 25, 1911.			
	District.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.
Connellsville	Connellsville	24,074	16,700	7,374	211,786	24,074	16,700	7,374
	Lower Connellsville	15,643	11,885	3,838	156,263	15,643	11,837	3,906
Totals		39,617	28,585	11,212	368,029	39,617	28,537	11,280
Furnace Ovens.	Connellsville	18,924	13,952	4,972	177,150	18,924	13,952	4,972
	Lower Connellsville	4,613	3,574	1,039	48,714	4,613	3,574	1,039
Totals		23,537	17,526	6,011	225,864	23,537	17,526	6,011
Merchant Ovens.	Connellsville	5,150	2,748	2,402	34,616	5,150	2,748	2,402
	Lower Connellsville	10,530	8,111	2,819	107,549	10,530	8,063	2,867
Totals		15,680	10,859	5,221	142,165	15,680	10,811	5,269
SHIPMENTS.								
To Pittsburgh					3,930 Cars.			4,192 Cars.
	To Points West of Pittsburgh.				6,207 Cars.			6,205 Cars.
To Points East of the Region.					927 Cars.			985 Cars.
Totals					11,070 Cars.			11,392 Cars.

Examinations for Mine Foremen's Certificates In Three Districts of the Connellsville Region.

The examination for Mine Foremen's and Fire Boss' certificate in the North Bituminous district is being held in the small court room at Uniontown for mine foremen certificates. The committee in charge of the examination is composed of I. G. Roby, John T. Hoover and Homer Lewis.

The persons taking the examination for mine foremen in that district are Henry Clark McDaniel, Smithfield, R. F. D. 2; Peter Mitchell, Smithfield, R. F. D. 2; John Moore, Uniontown; Matthew H. Herranshy, Uniontown; William Henry Wall, Newcomer; Sydney James Hooper, New Salem; Clyde C. Jones, Smithfield; William Cowie, Brownfield; Edmund Dingle, Mason town; Edward James Hayes, Brownfield; Joseph John Doran, Newcomer; Arthur Joseph Haley, Smithfield; John Yauger, McCallandtown; Thomas W. Keighly, Uniontown; Roger Jenkins, Newcomer; John McManis, McCallandtown; James Ben Croner, Uniontown; Amos Dennis, Oliphant Furnace; Frank Lokan, Oliphant Furnace; Jesse Grant Jones, Smithfield; Hollis Wilson, Uniontown; Thomas Richards, Smithfield; and Thomas C. Davis, Oliphant.

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Prices and Prospects.

IRON AND STEEL.

Material Curtailment Predicted Within the Next Fortnight.

Special to The Weekly Courier. NEW YORK, April 5.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report says:

"The whole iron and steel trade has become extremely quiet, the market being now well-nigh stagnant. The flow of orders for finished steel products has been growing lighter for about 25 days, the decrease being most pronounced in the past fortnight. For two or three weeks bookings have been less than shipments, and as the mills did not at any time have any considerable accumulation of business on hand they are already beginning to feel the need of heavier shipping instructions, and are confronting the question of reducing output. We predict that there will be a material curtailment in output by the steel interests within the next fortnight."

"The scrap market, always a sensitive barometer because wholly free from artificial control, has clearly shown the position. Following the little boom in the middle of February offerings of scrap have become heavier and heavier, while the mills have withdrawn entirely as purchasers and several have within the past ten days issued instructions to dealers to discontinue shipments entirely. In the Pittsburgh district these instructions were not effective, seeing only to incite the dealers to greater efforts to place material, and yesterday an embargo was placed as regards the principal consumer at Monaca. Prices have fallen and while present prices are largely nominal heavy melting steel may be quoted 75 cents lower than ten days ago."

"The first unevenness in the crude steel market for several months has appeared, several sellers offering open-hearth sheet bars at a cut from the recognized price of \$24, Pittsburgh or Youngstown. Sheet bars are being rolled at the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel Company, long an exclusive rail proposition. "Thus much as steel products have been brought only from hand to mouth and as sentiment has been universally pessimistic for a fortnight, we predict a material improvement in the market by early May, as a result of the progress of the season permitting outside work on a large scale."

NEW MINING LAWS

Are Proposed at Next Session of the Virginia Legislature.

The next session of the Virginia legislature will be asked to pass some mining laws, according to rumors which are heard through the coal field. The increase in production in that state, coupled with the necessity of mining under conditions which will not alone allow life but make the mining more economical in the future, are at the root of the movement for mining laws. It is hoped that a set of laws may be passed which will be a model in the extreme, as Virginia at the present time has no poor laws regulating the industry on her books, therefore she has no laws to repeal. With such a condition facing the legislature it is believed that Virginia can have the best mining laws of any state in the union, especially in view of the fact that much valuable information along the lines of prospective legislation may be secured from the new department of mines at the head of which is Dr. Holmes.

It is very probable that the new laws will prohibit shooting from the sold. This practice is dangerous and moreover, it is claimed that it destroys the value of the coal to a certain extent, as it makes it much more likely to disintegrate and stack than if undercutting was followed before shots are fired. It is expected that the new laws will provide for inspection of the mines the same as the state now provides inspection of other industries in the state.

Now that new mines are being opened in Virginia it is almost necessary that the state take the initiative in telling how the mines should be operated so that in the future the legislatures will not pass any drastic laws which might change the entire method of mining with the result that the operators might be put to an enormous expense, which they should not be made to bear, as the state can regulate the operation now in the earlier part of the mining industry.

MINERS WILL MARCH.

Plan to Parade the Streets in Greensburg on Saturday.

That marching in Westmoreland county is to be continued by the striking miners, is the statement made by two of their number yesterday. They say that when the men against whom attachments have been issued for violating a decree of the court, appear next Saturday they will be escorted by the rank and file of the strikers. The plan is to parade through the streets and wind up at the court house.

THE COKE MARKET EXTREMELY QUIET.

Capacity of Consumption Little Changed in Past Three Weeks.

FIRING POCAHONTAS OVENS

Has Been Exaggerated, It is Said, Plan Being to Blow in 700 Ovens, Not 1,600—None to Go Out Concurrently in the Connellsville Region.

Special to The Weekly Courier. PITTSBURG, April 5.—The coke market has been extremely quiet the past week but, nominally at least, has lost none of its strength. One or two minor tonnage are under negotiation, but it is uncertain whether they will be closed.

Consumption of coke has been practically unchanged in the past three weeks, or since instructions were given to start shipments for a couple of furnaces which were about to blow in. Another slack is to be added to the list of merchant furnaces in blast, the middle or latter part of this month, as Mary Furnace at Lowellville, O., the property of the Ohio Iron & Steel Company, is scheduled to blow in at that time.

Reports of the H. C. Frick company putting 1,600 ovens in blast in the Pocahontas region were greatly exaggerated, as it is learned on competent authority that the plan is only to blow in 700 ovens, and this will not occur before the middle of this month. If, then, as there has been difficulty in securing men, it is reported that agents have been at work in the Connellsville region endeavoring to secure men, and with indifferent success, as the long idleness of the Pocahontas region stands against the men migrating there. The report that the company would concurrently close 700 ovens in the Connellsville region is denied.

We quote prices unchanged as follows:

Prompt furnace \$1.00 @ \$1.05
Furnace, 2nd quarter \$1.05 @ \$1.10
Furnace, 3rd quarter \$1.10 @ \$1.15
Prompt, 2nd half \$1.15 @ \$1.20
Prompt, 3rd half \$1.20 @ \$1.25
Contract, 2nd half \$1.25 @ \$1.30
Contract, 3rd half \$1.30 @ \$1.35

The iron and steel trade has been decidedly quiet the past fortnight, and the outlook is regarded as much less satisfactory than a month ago. The trade, as a matter of fact, appears to be in a decidedly pessimistic mood this week, and the prospect of the real opening of spring, with weather permitting active outside operations, does not seem to encourage it at all. Orders for finished steel products have diminished, while in the pig iron market there is almost complete stagnation. It is said that not for months has there been such a dearth of inquiries in the local market as exists today, while sales are naturally few and far between. Prices, however, have not suffered, but remain at the former level. The Bessemer and basic pig iron averages, compiled from actual sales as announced for March at \$15.50, for Bessemer and \$15.75, for basic.

COAL MERGER RUMORED.

May Include 40,000 Acres in Indian Creek Valley.

Rumors of a merger of the interests holding coal through purchase or under option in the Indian Creek valley to make a gigantic sale to eastern capitalists are afloat. The proposed merger, it is said, will include 12,000 acres purchased by the Indian Creek Coal & Coke Company, of which D. B. Zimmerman, the Somerset millionaire, is the chief stockholder; 6,000 acres owned by J. H. Pringley and Charles Newell of Mill Run; 6,000 acres held by J. W. Berger of Carnegie and the holdings of others, which will bring the total up to 40,000 acres.

The holdings of the Indian Creek Coal & Coke Company were taken up several years ago at prices ranging from \$12 to \$60. J. W. Berger has been taking options for more than two years. A part of this has been purchased. On the remainder the options were renewed from time to time. The options by Pringley and Newell were secured within the last three months.

Coal Shipments.

During the month of March there were 19,552,000 bushels of coal locked through Lock No. 4. This is the largest shipment for any one month for years and is an increase over February of 1,354,000 bushels, and an increase over March, 1910, of 157,000 bushels.

Ball Teams Organizing.

Baseball teams at many of the coke works are organizing.

Pickands-Magee Co.,

Connellsville Coke

Vanderbil Minister Surprised
Rev. J. H. Pryor, pastor of S
First Baptist Church, at Vanderbilt
was greatly surprised when a delega
tion from the congregation recently
assembled at the hotel and found
him in a handsome apartment. Joseph
Shepard Nelson Baker, L. S. Ande
son, Samuel H. Elder, were at the
head of the affair. A pleasant hour or
more was spent as the guests of Re.
Pror.

Company _____ PA.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS PROMISED FOR CONNELLSVILLE.

New Third Class City Bill Which Is Practically Sure of Passage Provides for It:

MAYOR AND FOUR COUNCILMEN

Will Direct Affairs of the Borough, Mayor Having Vote But no Veto Councilmen Are Paid Salaries and Head Departments—Recall and Initiative Features of the Bill.

If a bill introduced in the Senate on February 28 passed finally and is signed by Governor Toner and there is every indication that it will pass, likely with amendments or amendments to its present form as outlined below, Conneltsville will practically have a commission form of government when it passes under the government of a third class within a few months. The act is a new one providing for the incorporation, regulation and government of cities of the third class. According to the provisions of this act, in its present form (third class cities) will be governed by a Mayor and four Councilmen to be elected at large. The Mayor will have no veto power but has a vote in Council over which he presides. Recall initiative and referendum clauses are provided for. These however are not likely to be retained in the bill. A civil service commission is also provided. The terms of practically all the city officers are four years, except the civil service commissioners who serve for six years. The Councilmen are paid salaries and act as superintendents of the different city departments. They take office the first Monday of January following their election. Ordinances must be read twice and can not be passed on the same day, they are introduced.

Under the first census Conneltsville is entitled to government under a third class city charter. The population is 1,515, was announced officially by the Superintendent of the Census at Washington on August 26, 1910. Notice was duly given and the question was voted on at the general election last November. A big majority in favor of third class city government was returned by the voters. All the formalities have been complied with and all that remains now is for the issue of the charter to be made at Harrisburg which is understood will shortly be done.

The Mayor and members of Council must be at least 21 years of age. A residence of at least three years in the city in which they are elected is required. The Mayor and Councilmen are elected every four years. Each member of the Council, including the Mayor, shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the Council but the Mayor shall have no right of veto. A majority vote of Council passes finally all resolutions or ordinances.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor or Councilman the same shall be filled by a special election the date of such election to be fixed by Council and notice thereof given by proclamation of the Mayor at least 10 days prior to the date decided upon. Three members of Council shall constitute a quorum. A smaller number, however, may compel the attendance of absent members under penalties to be prescribed by ordinance. Council may determine its own rules consistent with the Constitution and laws of Pennsylvania.

Council shall meet at least once a month or at such other times as may be fixed by ordinance. Special meetings are provided for upon call of the Mayor provided 24 hours' notice is given each member of Council. All meetings of Council, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public. Council shall be a continuous body, it being lawful for any Council to complete any unfinished business or legislation begun by a preceding Council.

A journal of the proceedings of Council shall be kept, at all times open to public inspection. Upon vote the yeas and nays shall be called and recorded and every motion, resolution or ordinance shall be reduced to writing before any vote is taken.

Except where they shall be personal or privately interested no member shall withhold his vote on any measure or question unless he shall state his reasons therefor to the Council which may excuse him and enter the reasons upon the journal. Every legislative act of Council shall be by resolution or ordinance duly signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

The certificate of the City Clerk under the corporate seal shall be read and received as evidence as the passage of a resolution or ordinance in all courts and places without further proof.

Every ordinance shall be published at least three times in not more than two newspapers printed in the city where it passed. All ordinances must be recorded by the City Clerk in the ordinance book within one month after passage.

The fiscal year for cities of the third class shall begin on the first Monday of January. A summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures must be published in not more than two newspapers for each fiscal year. Council, at its discretion, may cause the

said statement to be printed in pamphlet form instead of in the newspapers, provided that notice is published in at least two newspapers that the pamphlets may be had upon request at the City Clerk's office.

The heads of departments of third class cities shall present to Council each year an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures required by each department for the ensuing year. Council shall then proceed to make the annual appropriations based on such estimates. No appropriation money shall be made until the interest accruing on the funded debt of the city and the principal of such debt, together with the salaries of officers and the ordinary and necessary expenses of the city shall first be provided for. A tax rate at such figure as with all other sources of revenue will fully meet and cover the aggregate amount of the appropriation, shall be fixed annually by Council.

Council is empowered to vacate in whole or in part, all streets and lanes and alleys and to lay out new streets and lanes and to alter the location of any street or lane. All proceedings for ascertaining damages to be assessed for benefits are covered by the laws now in effect.

Councilmen in cities of the third class shall receive for their services annual salaries to be fixed by ordinance payable in monthly installments. Councilmen can be fined amounts that may be prescribed by Council for non-attendance at regular or special meetings. The salary shall be from \$700 to \$900 a year for each Councilman running from cities of 1,000 and under to 20,000 and over. Cities of 15,000 or under shall pay their Councilmen \$500 a year.

The executive department in cities of the third class shall be divided as follows:

1. Department of public affairs.
2. Department of accounts and finances.
3. Department of public safety.
4. Department of streets and public improvements.
5. Department of parks and public property.

Council shall determine the powers and duties to be performed by and assigned to the appropriate departments, shall prescribe the powers and duties of officers and employees, may assign particular officers and employees to one or more of the departments or may require an officer or employee to perform duties in two or more departments. The Mayor shall be superintendent of public affairs. At the first regular meeting Council shall designate by majority vote, one Councilman to be superintendent of the department of accounts and finance, one to be superintendent of the department of public safety, one superintendent of streets and public improvements and one to be superintendent of the department of parks and public property. Council has the right to change such appointments whenever it appears that public service would be benefited thereby.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city. The enforcement of all ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth relating to the city shall be the duty of the Mayor and he shall be enforced and enforced by him in times of riot or upon occasions of threatened public disorder he may close up the bars or any establishment in which liquor is sold. The Mayor shall also supervise the conduct of the city officers and cause all of their violations or neglect of duty to be punished or reported to the proper tribunal for correction. He shall communicate to Council at its first stated meeting in January of each year a statement of the condition of affairs of the city. The Mayor shall have the criminal jurisdiction of an alderman within the city but shall have no civil jurisdiction except in relations to actions for fines, penalties or forfeitures imposed by virtue of the ordinances of the city. The Mayor has the power of commitment and may send to jail any vagrant or city or county prisoners for a term not exceeding 30 days. He is privileged to solemnize marriages. A docket shall be kept by the Mayor and all fines and license receipts be recorded therein.

The number rank and compensation of the members of the police force shall be decided by Council together with all necessary rules and regulations for their organization. No policeman shall receive any compensation or award for services outside of his salary except that he may receive rewards for the capture of criminals outside the city for whom rewards are offered. The Council has the right to suspend any policeman for a period not exceeding 30 days without pay. Council may also discontinue from the force the Chief and other officers who shall be subject to the direction and control of Council. The Mayor shall exercise a constant supervision and control over the conduct of the police force and determine if complaints against them in the discharge of their duties. He shall be empowered to remove from office any policeman or officer of the force upon a resolution to that effect passed by Council.

Council shall appoint the second and third class cities which are created by ordinance and may remove from office any such officer appointed by Council or the Mayor elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. The member of Council designated as superintendent of finance shall be Vice President of the City Council and acting Mayor during the absence or inability of the Mayor to serve.

All receipts from fines, licenses etc. shall be turned in to the borough treasurer. The superintendent of finance shall have charge and keep a record of accounts showing all of the issues of the property whatsoever vested in the city. He shall have the supervision and financial control of all the departments, countersign all warrants upon the city treasurer and shall not suffer any appropriation made by the City Council to be overdrawn.

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Verdict for Railroad in Railroad's Suit Instructed Friday.

JURY DISAGREED OVER NIGHT

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PERHAPS FOR THAT PURPOSE

Location Selected for Mountain Resort and Would Attract Much Patronage From Lake Erie and New York Central Lines in Pittsburgh District.

Is the passenger department of the Western Maryland railroad already on the job preparing a campaign along the new line now building between Conneltsville and Cumberland? The mysterious purchase of 111 acres of land at Confluence has the natives of the mountains guessing. Confluence folks in their mind's eye have already pictured repair shops, car building plants and a steel mill on the property but there is a well grounded suspicion that Confluence is to see none of these on the property that has been taken over.

A plausible suggestion in regard to this property is that the passenger department has in mind the erection of a mammoth pleasure park along the most elaborate lines ever attempted in this section. Located in a picturesque section of the Alleghenies, with all the natural advantages that could be desired, it is possible that a park may be erected that will prove a lure to all Western Pennsylvania that can be reached by the New York Central lines—for do not let it be forgotten that the Western Maryland is a part, and a mighty important part, of the vast Vanderbilt system.

Both the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Western Maryland have need for a pleasure park to get the summer picnic business and it may have happened that Confluence has been selected. As far as the merchants are concerned a pleasure park, in summer, is as profitable as a steel mill in many respects. People come for a day's outing and they spend their money. If the park should be erected at Confluence, more people will hear of that picturesque mountain town at the junction of the Youghiogheny, the Casselman and Laurel Hill creeks, than ever dreamed that it exists. True, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie has Cascade Park, at New Castle, but this does not meet the needs of the populous community east of Pittsburgh. The "Little Giant" lost its greatest asset as a park proposition when Jones & Laughlin turned Alleghenies into a steel plant site.

There are possibilities in the mountains for a pleasure park that, properly developed, should prove both popular and profitable. Ohlerville for years enjoyed a splendid opportunity to fill the bill but never took advantage of it. There is money ahead for the promoters of a pleasure resort in the mountains which will cater to summer boarders, cottagers and picnickers—and offer something more than scenery as a drawing card. The natural beauties of Ohlerville have been worked to a frazzle and the success of that point during the past three years has been due solely to the push and popularity of the hotel managements. Let some mountain point be properly developed and the golden shekels, it is predicted, will not be long falling.

Perhaps the Western Maryland has something like this in mind for Confluence. But after all it may be, however, that a prosaic railroad yard will grace those 111 acres instead of the seductive "Figure 8," the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel.

WILL GET MOVE ON.

High Officials of the B. & O. Pay Conneltsville a Visit.
General Manager A. W. Thompson and General Superintendent E. A. Peck, accompanied by Superintendent C. E. Gorsuch of the Pittsburgh division and other officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad were in Conneltsville for a short time this morning. They arrived on No. 48, looked over the passenger and freight depots, and then walked up the yards to look over the round house and shops. The party boarded No. 52 for Fairmont.

The visit to Conneltsville at this time, although declared to have been merely a preliminary inspection, is believed to have been made in anticipation of extensive improvements at this point. For some years past the railroad has had under consideration the erection of a new freight station and enlarging the round house in the yards here.

Some months ago it was learned that new plans had been drawn up for a new freight station on the site now occupied by the Conneltsville Planing Mill Company. The present freight station has for some time been inadequate to the demands upon it, largely because of the limited space for sidings. The plans that have been made provide for the removal of the old Hyndman building and the use of the ground about it for sidings. The officials, it is said, gave this matter considerable attention during their brief stay here.

In the yards there is necessity for increased round house facilities. This was investigated by the visiting officials. The foundations for 20 additional stalls were provided for some years ago but nothing further was

done. At present there is not sufficient room in the round house to house the engines used on the division and some of them have to stand on tracks in the yards because of there being no room within the round house.

Extensive improvements by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at this point are expected in the near future. With the completion which will come through the inauguration of traffic on the Western Maryland and Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroads, the Baltimore & Ohio will be forced to make an aggressive fight for business both east and west. At present it has practically a monopoly on the eastern trade which is soon to become competitive in this district.

WORK TO BEGIN.

Construction Force of 100 Men on Extension to Barronville.

According to a reliable report, a force of 100 laborers have been put to work on the Standard gauge railroad to be constructed from Humbert to Barronville, Somerset county, a distance of ten miles. The road is being constructed to develop the immense timber tract recently secured by the United Lumber Company of Uniontown.

As a result of the railroad work, a boom has struck Humbert. All the houses in the town are now occupied, while the hotel, which is of large capacity, is not large enough to accommodate the guests who seek lodging. The company claims to have sufficient timber to insure continuous operation for the next fifteen years, and will construct a large mill of 50,000 feet daily capacity.

A delegation of capitalists and parties interested in the completion of the Confluence & Oakland railroad from its present terminus at Kendall, Garrett county, Md., to a connection with the main line of the B. & O., held a conference with President Willard in Baltimore last week, for the purpose of urging the early completion of this link which has been surveyed for many years but remains uncompleted.

The delegation consisted of Messrs. L. T. Yoder, Samuel Vandersall and other capitalists of Pittsburgh, with large land holdings along the proposed new line. S. A. Kendall of the Kendall Lumber Company, E. S. West, the Oakland real estate man, controlling many properties along the proposed line and others who are deeply interested in this project. The result of the conference will be announced shortly, it is stated.

NEARING COMPLETION.

B. & O. Extension in Somerset County About Ready for Business.

The Eyre-Sheemaker Construction Company has about completed the work of grading the Somerset-Hoswell extension of the Somerset & Cambria branch of the B. & O., and track is now being laid from the Belmont end. One fill between Somerset and Hoswell remains to be finished, and the steam shovels now at work at that point will likely bring it up to grade in ten days. All of the bridges and culverts have been completed, ready for the ties and rails, and it is reported that trains will be operated over the new cut off in June.

Grading preparatory to double-tracking the Somerset & Cambria branch between Somerset and Rockwood has been greatly retarded by bad weather, but now that spring has opened the work will be rushed with a view to finishing the second track early in the summer.

The railroad company's plans regarding the yards to be installed at short distance south of Somerset have not yet been made public, but work on the yards will probably be taken up as soon as definite arrangements are made with the Somerset authorities regarding the placing of an additional track in that borough.

NEW COMBINATION

Organized Ostensibly as Selling Agency for Coal Lands.

The United States Coal Exchange, which is organized for the purpose of becoming the selling agency of the principal bituminous coal corporations in this section of the country, was formed at a meeting of coal men in the Union National Bank building, Pittsburgh, yesterday. Twenty companies, with a capital of something like \$500,000, were represented, according to a story given out.

The agency has been in process of formation for some time, but repeatedly some obstacle has arisen to block its coming about.

The temporary chairman of the new agency, which starts with a preliminary capital of \$500,000, is G. J. Gans of Uniontown, one of the well known men of that section and long identified with coal and coke interests. The attorneys are Chester Kaufman of Pittsburgh, A. L. Pearson of Pittsburgh, and L. B. Brownfield of Uniontown.

BOY A PRODIGY

But 12 Years Old, 5 Feet 8 and Weighs 155 Pounds.

Not yet 12 years of age, but two feet nine inches tall and weighing 155 pounds, Orville Van Sickle of Elliptical, this county, might well be termed a prodigy. The giant boy is a fine specimen of physical growth and a picture of good health and development. Everyone is amazed at his proportions, considering the fact that he will not be 12 years old until May 15. He is a son of Amos Van Sickle.

Wants License Transferred.
W. D. Gilchrist, proprietor of the Ohlerville House, has petitioned the court for a transfer of the license to Harry Marietta. Gilchrist has sold the furniture and fixtures to Marietta, and has leased him the hotel for five years.

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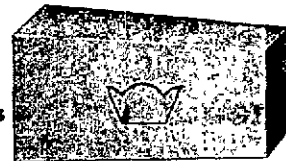
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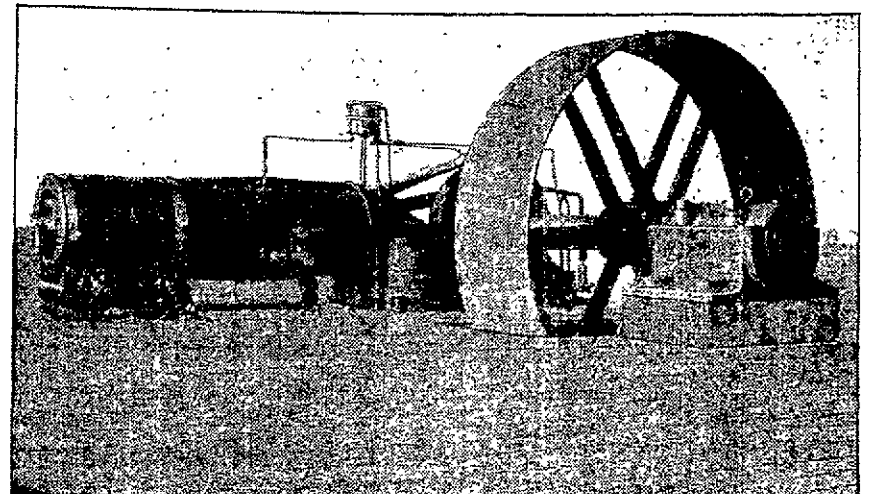
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